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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on April 6, 2017 at 4:09 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 614, 4/4/2017; SJ 24, 4/4/2017

Executive Action HB 325 - Be Concurred In As Amended
SJ 24 - Do Pass
HB 614 - Be Tabled

00:00:01 Chairman Hoven

HEARING ON HB 614

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:02 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 614, Exempting pulse processing equipment from property taxation.

00:01:12 Sen. Smith entered the meeting.

00:01:23 Sen. MacDonald entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:24 John Semple, lobbyist, Montana Grain Growers Association

00:02:46 Sen. Lang entered the meeting.

00:02:54 Sen. Olszewski entered the meeting.

00:03:09 Nicole Rolf, lobbyist, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

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00:04:47 Eric Bergman, lobbyist, Montana Farmers Union

00:05:38 Krista Lee Evans, lobbyist, Montana Grain Elevator Association

00:06:21 Kent Kupfner, Columbia Grain, Inc., Great Falls

00:07:00 Sen. Sands entered the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:53 Mike Kadas, director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:30 Sen. Moore

00:13:46 Mr. Kadas, DOR

00:14:02 Sen. Moore

00:14:28 Mr. Kadas

00:14:34 Sen. Moore

00:14:38 Mr. Kadas

00:15:22 Sen. Smith

00:16:37 Mr. Kadas

00:18:35 Sen. Smith

00:18:57 Mr. Kadas

00:19:24 Chairman Hoven

00:19:32 Mr. Kadas

00:19:47 Sen. Moore

00:20:29 Rep. Cook

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:07 Rep. Cook
00:21:12 Sen. Lang left the meeting.
00:21:14 Sen. Salomon left the meeting.

HEARING ON SJ 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:07 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SJ 24, Interim study of agritourism.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:58 Eric Bergman, lobbyist, Montana Farmers Union
00:27:04 Sean Becker, division administrator, Tourism and Business Development
Division, Department of Commerce
00:28:31 Janet Hess-Herbert, interim executive director, Alternative Energy Resource
Organization (AERO)
00:31:32 Bridger Mahlum, director, Government Relations, Montana Chamber of
Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:32:46 Steph Hystad, business development specialist, Montana Department of
Agriculture

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:11 Sen. Sands
00:33:56 Sen. MacDonald

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 325

00:34:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. MacDonald moved that **HB 325 BE REMOVED FROM
TABLE**. Motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Hoven, Sen. Moore, Sen.
Olszewski and Sen. Sands voting no.

00:35:36 **Motion:** Sen. MacDonald moved that **HB 325 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:36:29 **Motion:** Sen. MacDonald moved that **HB 325 BE AMENDED**.
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Discussion:

00:40:09 Sen. Moore
 00:40:30 Sen. MacDonald
 00:40:57 Sen. Moore
 00:41:12 Sen. MacDonald
 00:41:52 Sen. Moore
 00:42:09 Sen. MacDonald
 00:42:29 Sue O'Connell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division
 00:43:02 Sen. MacDonald
 00:43:30 Sen. Moore
 00:43:52 Sen. MacDonald
 00:44:04 Sen. Moore
 00:44:30 Sen. MacDonald
 00:45:19 Sen. Moore
 00:45:27 Sen. MacDonald
 00:45:41 Sen. Moore
 00:46:09 Sen. MacDonald
 00:47:09 Sen. Sands
 00:47:25 Sen. MacDonald
 00:47:57 Sen. Sands
 00:48:12 Sen. MacDonald
 00:48:24 Sen. Sands
 00:48:48 Sen. Caferro
 00:49:17 Sen. Moore

 00:50:17 Sen. Salomon entered the meeting.
 00:50:26 Sen. Lang entered the meeting.

 00:51:59 Sen. Caferro
 00:53:41 Sen. Moore

 00:53:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Lang, Sen. Moore, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. Sands voting no.

 00:54:39 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **HB 325 BE AMENDED WITH A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.**

Discussion:

00:55:22 Sen. MacDonald
 00:56:02 Sen. Olszewski
 00:56:53 Sen. Swandal
 00:57:14 Sen. Osmundson
 00:57:30 Sen. Olszewski

 00:57:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hoven, Sen. MacDonald, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Swandal voting no.

00:58:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. MacDonald moved that **HB 325 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Hoven, Sen. Lang, Sen. Moore and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill. Note: It was later decided that Sen. MacDonald will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 614

01:00:05 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **HB 614 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:00:16 Sen Moore

01:00:20 Sen. Swandal

01:00:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sands moved that **HB 614 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Hoven, Sen. Lang, Sen. Olszewski, Sen. Salomon and Sen. F. Smith voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 24

01:01:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SJ 24 DO PASS**. Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with Sen. Moore voting no.

Committee Business

01:01:50 Chairman Hoven

01:02:35 Sen. Moore

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:05 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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